Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH
Testimony Against Raised H.B. No. 6949 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS

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Senator Terry Gerratana, Representative Matt Ritter and members of Public Health Committee. My name is Heather Strauch, I am a parent and health care professional and I am writing testimony against HB 6949.

We live in the United States of America, and this proposed bill plain and simply violates the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. In the state of CT we do not have to defend our religious beliefs. The practice of religion predates the implementation of vaccination by millenniums, so I'm not even sure on what grounds this is bill is being drawn, is government saying they have a right to interpret what a specific religion's stance is on vaccination, because they don't, it's unconstitutional. I am pro-choice and I am pro-democracy, and I urge you to do the right thing and vote No to this proposed bill.

Sincerely,

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